

"None of the stem cell lines approved by the White House can ever be used to help people," says Reed. "Because all of those stem cells were fed on rat feeder layers, which not only brings the possibility of interspecies infection, but also disqualifies them for human use according to FDA guidelines. To individualize embryonic stem cells for human use, therapeutic cloning for cells is a must."

"If therapeutic cloning is banned, embryonic stem cell research is effectively killed," said Reed, "and my son is imprisoned in his wheelchair forever. This is not the sort of Christmas present one expects from the President of the United States."

My fellow colleagues; advanced cellular research is a ray of hope for the Reeds and many others. And this hope is based in reality. According to the National Institutes of Health, therapeutic cloning and stem cell research has "enormous" potential to improve the lives of many. We should not interfere with this progress; we should embrace and support it. I ask you to join me and protest the efforts of the Bush administration at the United Nations to ban therapeutic cloning.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM "BILL" HUGHES

#### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and a close friend, Mr. William "Bill" Hughes, from Citrus Heights, California. Well known for his dedication to family, faith, and community, Bill Hughes passed away unexpectedly on November 25, 2003, while visiting family in Utah for Thanksgiving. He was 55 years old. Though seemingly cut short, Bill's life was, nonetheless, filled with much experience, accomplishment, and success.

Very fittingly, Bill Hughes was born on the Fourth of July in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1948. Raised on his parents' ranch, he grew up enjoying the outdoors and engaging in hard work. He could often be found on horseback, even as a small child. When the Hughes Family moved to the rural community of Orangevale in Sacramento County, California, Bill's interests grew to include flying small aircraft out of the old Phoenix Field.

After graduating from Bella Vista High School, Bill served as a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, ministering among the Spanish-speaking population of Southwest Texas. Upon his return home, he met and married the love of his life, Sarah. Together, they soon started a family and settled in Citrus Heights.

Having completed a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal science at California State University, Sacramento, Bill launched a three decade career in law enforcement. Following a two-year stint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he accepted a position with the Roseville Police Department. In his 28 years on the force, he helped found the SWAT team, spearheaded the implementation of neighborhood policing, and eventually rose to the rank of lieutenant. Strangely, he passed away exactly one year from the day he retired from the department.

Mr. Speaker, Bill also displayed great concern for the future of his own community by

driving the move to incorporate the City of Citrus Heights. In fact, with the birth of the City of Citrus Heights in 1997, Bill Hughes was sworn in as its first mayor. During his seven years on the city council, including three as mayor, he spurred the creation of neighborhood associations, guided major economic development efforts, and improved local law enforcement. Due to his leadership, the city is well regarded as a responsive, user-friendly local government.

In his one year of retirement, Bill fulfilled personal goals such as climbing Mount Shasta and sailing the entire coast of California. He also elevated his civic involvement by taking on increased leadership roles in regional affairs. This year, he chaired the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and was the energy behind its Blueprint Project to direct regional transportation and land use planning.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to publicly thank you and the rest of our colleagues for appropriating funding this year to support this visionary project which will help the greater Sacramento region focus and direct its development according to community desires and principles of good planning.

Despite his involved professional and civic life, Bill actively fulfilled his church and family responsibilities. He is survived by his lovely wife Sarah, daughters Yolanda and Kymbra, sons Jarom, Jashon, Corom, and four grandchildren.

As an elected official, I appreciated Bill's hard work and professionalism. As his friend of over 20 years, I appreciated his sincerity and good nature. I join with his family, friends, colleagues, and constituents in celebrating his life and mourning his passing. We will surely miss him.

Rest in peace, Bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM THOMAS

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and offer my congratulations to a hero in my community, Mr. William Thomas. During this holiday season, we are lucky to have such a heartwarming reminder of the goodness within the human spirit.

As Mr. Thomas was riding to work with his wife, Jamelia, and two of their children, on East Hazelwood Avenue in Rahway, NJ, he saw a group of people gathered along the river's edge. Upon stopping, he observed a woman flailing in the water.

Disregarding his own safety, and not much of a swimmer himself, Mr. Thomas dove into the 50 degree water to rescue the drowning woman. Struggling to control the panicking, hysterical woman, he managed to pull her close enough to the shoreline for police officers to draw her from the river.

He then returned home to quickly shower and change clothes, setting out again on his drive to work at the Woodbridge Developmental Center in Avenel. He later discovered that the drowning woman also worked at this state-run residential facility for the mentally and physically impaired. They had never met.

Without a thought for his welfare, Mr. Thomas placed another human's life above his own.

I am touched by his sacrifice and his service. I am honored by his presence in my community, and I ask you to join me as I salute Mr. Thomas and his outstanding display of compassion and bravery.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB GRAHAM

#### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, sometimes ordinary people do extraordinary things. We do not have to be rich or famous to leave a positive and lasting legacy to this world.

Bob Graham, one of my constituents from Knoxville, TN, was one of those people. Mr. Graham was the long-time supervisor of athletic officials for the City of Knoxville and a long-time volunteer leader in our community.

Bob Graham loved children, and he gave tirelessly of himself to thousands of young people throughout his career. Many people remember him from his days as a youth baseball, football, and basketball coach. Everyone who knew him remembered him as a great leader and role model for our children. This Nation would be a much better place if there were more people here like Mr. Graham.

Bob Graham passed away following a lengthy illness on November 28th. He will be remembered fondly by his family and friends and the countless young people he helped through the years.

Mr. Speaker, I have attached a copy of a tribute to Mr. Graham that ran in the Knoxville News Sentinel that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

#### HELPING KIDS WAS GRAHAM'S FOCUS UNTIL HIS DEATH

(By Chuck Cavalaris)

Rare is the occasion when just three words can sum up the essence of a person's life.

Such is the case with a great man like Bob Graham, who passed away Friday night.

His three words were all about, "Helping the kids."

Bob always had a handy explanation for those 14-hour days and frequent weekends at a ballpark.

"I just want to do whatever I can to help the kids," he said.

Anyone who had the privilege of knowing the supervisor of athletic officials for the city of Knoxville would agree: he is an all-time great in this regard.

This stocky, blue-eyed former lineman and kicker from Oliver Springs High School became a youth baseball, football and basketball coach (1956-1982) who helped thousands of kids. He also found time in the 1970s to be a TSSAA football referee and was a baseball scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

To many people, Bob Graham was the tireless volunteer leader at Badgett Field. His passion led to a full-time job offer by former recreation department director Maynard Glenn. Talk about a great hire.

"Bob is probably the most-conscientious person I have ever known," said Norman Bragg, who worked with Graham for many years. "Nowadays, you just don't replace someone like that. He did what he did without asking for a single thing in return—that was just Bob."

Sure, he loved his children—all seven of them—and he was really proud of his grandkids. But he also cared deeply about